



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR A PATENT APPLICATION

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ADJUSTABLE TOOL HANDLE FOR PAINT ROLLERS AND THE LIKE, as described and claimed in the specification which is filed herewith. In particular, it is my understanding that Kenneth M. Nicolay is the sole inventor of the invention as set forth in Claims 1-3, 5, 7-11, 14-17 and 19 and a co-inventor of the invention as set forth in Claims 4, 6, 12, 13 and 18; Lewis A. Mendelson is a co-inventor of the invention as set forth in Claims 4, 12 and 18; and Lawrence E. Guerra is a co-inventor of the invention as set forth in Claims 6 and 13.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information which is known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56 including for

continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby appoint Kent R. Erickson, Reg. No. 36,793, and Mark L. Kleypas, Reg. No. 43,720, members of the bar of the State of Missouri, whose postal address is Erickson & Kleypas, L.L.C., 800 W. 47th Street, Suite 401, Kansas City, Missouri 64112, telephone (816) 753-6777 as my attorneys, with full power of substitution, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments to receive the patent, and to transact all business in therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith in my behalf.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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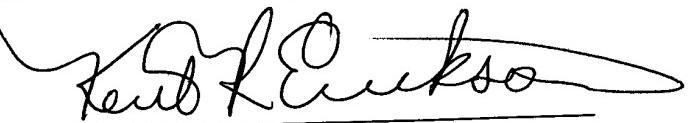
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64112, telephone (816) 753-6777 state I am the attorney for this
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY THAT APPLICATION FILED IN PTO IS THE ONE INVENTORS EXECUTED BY SIGNING DECLARATION for application Serial No. 10/824,089 filed April 14, 2004 is, on July 1, 2004, being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box: MISSING PARTS, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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